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Summary:

(February 3, 2005)-Thanks to a grant from the Department of Justice and the Commission on Women, the Violence Prevention Program at the University of Minnesota, Morris will bring the Sexual Assault Nurses Examination (SANE) training to area nurses, advocates and law enforcement.

The training will be conducted in two parts. Part one will be held February 15 and 16, and will include nurses, advocates, and law enforcement. Part two will be held on March 10 and 11, and is a continuation of the training for nurses only. Training sessions will be held from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. all four days at the West Central Research and Outreach Center in Morris.

SANE trainer Dr. Linda Ledray is the founder and director of the Minneapolis, Minnesota-based Sexual Assault Resource Service, one of the first SANE programs, which she developed in 1977. SARS provides competent forensic-medical services to sexual assault survivors at seven hospital sites in Hennepin County, Minnesota. Dr. Ledray has personally assisted with the implementation and development of SANE programs across the U.S. and in numerous other countries. She convened the first meeting of SANEs in Minneapolis in 1992, which resulted in the founding of the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN). She is on the IAFN Certification Board and is an Editorial Board member for the Journal of Forensic Nursing, the official journal of the IAFN.

Dr. Ledray was section editor for the Journal of Emergency Nursing, SANE section has served on the editorial review board of Health Care for Women International for the past 12 years and has published many articles and books including "Recovering from Rape" (1994) and "The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Development and Operation Guide" (1999). Her articles have appeared in the American Journal of Nursing, Annals of Emergency Medicine, Evaluation and Change, the Journal of Emergency Nursing, the Journal of Child Sexual Abuse, Rape and Sexual Assault II, the Journal of Psychosocial Nursing, and the Japanese Journal of Nursing Research. She is also a contributing editor for the International Travel News. Dr. Ledray's television credits include appearances on CNN, "Arthur Frommer's Almanac," and "CBS This Morning."

Dr. Ledray received a bachelor of science degree in nursing and a master's degree in community/mental health nursing, both from the University of Washington. She earned a master's degree in psychology and a doctoral degree in clinical psychology and personality research from the University of Minnesota.

The goal of the SANE training is to provide the nurse with all the information necessary to conduct a competent, thorough, victim sensitive sexual assault evidentiary exam. The training will provide information on working effectively within a Sexual Assault Response Team to accomplish this goal. This SANE training will emphasize forensic principles essential for the critical thought process necessary to evaluate each case and collect and document the proper forensic evidence. In addition, the course will provide information on effective testimony as a fact and expert witness. The SANE training course has two components: didactic training and clinical preceptor training.

The University of Minnesota, Morris was awarded a grant from the Department of Justice to use to develop the Violence Prevention Program, which will address relationship and sexual violence. This program will consist of creating a program that strengthens victim/survivor advocacy and services, building a coordinated comprehensive education and prevention effort, and creating a campus culture that addresses the roots of gender and relationship violence while fostering healthy relationships.

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